ARTICLES

To be enquired of,

within the Archdeaconry of *Midlesex*, *by the Church-wardens & Sworne-* men in euery Parish.

And presentment to be made thereof to the Arch-deacon.

With particular Answeres vnto euery Article.

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The tenor of the Oath, ministred to the *Church-Wardens and Sworne-men.*

YE shall sweare, that all affections, fauour, hatred, hope of reward, or gaine, or feare of displeasure or malice set aside, you shall vpon due consideration of the Articles giuen you in charge present all and euery such person, of, or within your Parish, as hath committed any offence or fault, or made any default mentioned in any of these Articles, or which are vehemently suspected, or otherwise defamed of any such offence, fault or default, wherein you shall deale vprightly and according to equitie: neither of malice presenting any contrary to Truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so conceale the Truth, hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine truth, and to suppresse vice: So helpe you God, and his faithfull promises in Christ Iesus.

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¶ Articles to be enquired of within the Archdeaconarie of Midlesex, for this present yeere of our Lord God. 1615.

Articles concerning the Church.

1 WHether haue you in your seuerall Churches and Chappells the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall, ready to be read by your Minister, according to his Maiesties pleasure, published by his highnes authority vnder the great Seale of England?

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one parchment Register Booke, prouided for Christnings, Marriages, and Burialls: and whether is the same duely and exactly kept, according to the Constitutions in that case prouided, and a transcript thereof brought in yearely within one moneth after Easter, into my Lord Bishops principall Registers office? and whether doth your Minister vpon euery Sunday reade the names of all such as haue beene married, christned, or buried the weeke before?

3 Whether haue you prouided the Booke of Common Prayer lately commaunded by his Maiesties authority onely to be vsed, and the Booke of Homilies, and two Psalters: and whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone, set vp in the antient vsuall place: a conuenient and decent Communion table standing vpon a frame, with a Carpet of like, or some other decent stuffe: and a faire Linnen cloth to lay the reuerent before the Communion time? and whether is the same then placed in such conuenient sort within the Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his Prayer and administration, and that the greater number may communicate: and whether are the ten Commaundements set vp on the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may best see and reade them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls likely for the same purpose?

4 Whether haue you a conuenient seate for the Minister to reade seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or Cushion for the same: a comely large Surplice, and a Communion Cup of Siluer, and a couer agreeable for the same,

other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong chest for the almes of the poore, with three lockes and keyes, and another chest for the keeping of the ornaments of the Church, and Register Booke.

5 How many Bells are there at this present, hanging in the Belfrie of your parish Church, and how many haue there beene heretofore: whether any of your said Bells haue beene taken downe and sold, or made away: and what other Church goods are now wanting in your Church.

6 Whether are your Church or Chappells with the Chancells thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, and all other housing thereto belonging, in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, aswell within as without: the seates well maintained, your Churchyards well fenced, and kept without abuse, according to the 85. Canon: if not, then through whose default, and what defects are? All these things in these Articles to be prepared, according to the Canons vnder the title appertaining to Churches.

Articles concerning the Clergie.

WHether hath your Minister read the Constitutions set forth by his Maiesty, once euery yeare, vpon some Sundayes or Holidayes, in the afternoone, before diuine seruice: according as by the Canons he is bound?

2 Whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maiesty, King Iames, and for the Queenes Maiesty, Prince Charles, Fredericke Count Palatine of the Rheine, with the Lady Elizabeth his Wife, giuing vnto his highnesse such stile and title of Supreme Gouernour of all causes, and ouer all persons, as well Ecclesiasticall as temporall, as by lawe are due vnto him, exhorting their Parishioners to yeelde him obedience according to the same, and also in their said Sermons, doe pray for all Arch-bishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, according to the 55. Canon.

3 Whether is the prescript forme of diuine seruice vsed by your Minister vpon Sundayes, Holydayes, Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, according to the booke of Common prayer. And whether doth your Minister duly obserue all the orders, rites, and ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of Common Prayer: as well in reading publike prayers, the Letany, as also in administring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, wearing the Surples, as by the booke of Common Prayer by lawe now established is inioyned.

4 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times as that euery Parishioner may receiue the same, at

at the leaſt thrice euery yeare, whereof one at Eaſter, as by the booke of Common Prayer is appointed. Alſo whether doth your Miniſter receiue the ſame himſelfe on euery day that he adminiſtreth it to others, kneeling at the ſame, and adminiſtreth it to none but to ſuch as doe kneele at the receiuing thereof, and vſe the words of the Inſtitution according to the Booke, at euery time that the bread and wine is receiued, in ſuch manner and forme as by the preſcript of the 21. Canon is directed, or wherein is he faulty, and whether is warning giuen by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth.

5 Whether hath your Miniſter admitted any notorious offenders, or Schiſmatickes to the Communion: contrary to the 26. and 27. Conſtitutions, without ſatisfaction by due courſe of law before obtayned them; or rejected any from the Communion, who were not by publike preſentment, or other open ſcandall, infamous, and defected of ſome notorious crime by common fame publiſhed in the Parish.

6 Whether the Miniſter, together with the Churchwardens and Queſtmen, doe take diligent heed and care, that not onely all and euery of your owne Pariſhioners doe receiue three in euery yeare, as aforeſaid: but alſo that no ſtrangers of any other Pariſh doe reſort into their owne Pariſh and Pariſh, to receiue with you, contrary to the 28. Canon?

7 Whether doth your Miniſter vſe to ſigne the Children with the ſigne of the Croſſe when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common Prayer, and the 30. Canon? and whether he hath refuſed, or wilfully reſuſed to baptize any infant in his Pariſh duely prepared, hauing taken order for the performance of the vowes thereof, and whether the child hath died by his default without baptiſme, contrary to the 68. and 69. Canons.

8 Whether is your Miniſter continually reſident vpon his benefice or for how long time hath he been abſent, and where is he reſident for the moſt part, and what other benefice hath he?

9 Whether doth your Miniſter diligently and faithfully preach, according to the conſtitutions, either in his owne Church with you, or in your Pariſh or elſe in ſome other Church or Chappell adioyning, where no Preacher is, according to the 45. Canon, or how hath he been negligent in that behalfe.

10 Whether is your Miniſter a Preacher allowed? if yea, then by whome: if no, whether doth he procure Sermons to be preached among you once in euery moneth at the leaſt, by ſuch as are lawfully licenſed, according to the 46. Canon, or doth contribute toward a licenſed Preacher, if his liuing will beare it.

11 Whether hath your Miniſter another benefice? and whether doth he

be found by his absence by a Curate, that is sufficiently licensed to preach in that cure of his, wherein he himselfe is not resident: or otherwise in case he doe not finde a preaching Minister there, by reason of the fondnesse thereof, whether doth he preach at both his benefices himself in person, according to the 47. Canon.

13. Whether is your Preacher or Curate licensed to preach or serue the Cure, by the Bishop of this Diocese, or by any other, and by whom: whether doth any Minister or Curate serue more cures then one, contrary to the 48. Canon. If yea, then what other cure doth he also serue?

14. If your Minister be not licensed to preach as aforesaid, whether doth he reade Homilies, or rather take upon him to expound the Scriptures either in his owne cure or els where, contrary to the 49. Canon: If yea, then you are to present him, and that both the place where he so hath preached.

15. Whether hath any person been admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue well knowne to be sufficiently licensed: in whom haue you so admitted: you shall present their names, and how often haue any such been admitted to preach, and by whose procurement: and whether haue you vsed diuers strange Preachers, licensed or not licensed, to take for the most part togither both the day when he preached, according to the 50. and 51. Canons: and if he were licensed, then by whom he was licensed: And whether haue they or any other preached in your Church not being soberly and decently apparrelled according to the 74. Canon.

16. Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher reade diuine Service, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person, and in your Church, obseruing all the Ceremonies in the booke of Common Prayer established according to the 56. Canon.

17. Whether doth your Minister weare the Surplice whilest he is saying the publike prayers, and administring the Sacraments: And if he be any Graduate, whether then doth he weare his hood with his Surplice, during the time aforesaid, saying such hood, and the colour of his Vniuersities is agreeable to his degree, according to the 74. Canon.

18. Whether doth your Minister euery Sunday and Holyday, before Euening Prayer, for halfe an houre catechize, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the ten Commandements the Articles of the Creed, and the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme set forth in the booke of Common prayer, whereby the children of the Parish may be prepared for Confirmation, according to the 59. Canon.

19. Whether hath your Minister without dimissory from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancelor, or without a peece vnder the seale of office of the Archdeacon of his Diocese, solemnized marriage betwixt any

parties, the Banes not being three seuerall Sundayes or Holly-dayes first published in time of diuine seruice, in the seuerall Churches or Chappels of their seuerall abode, according to the booke of common Prayer, and the 62. Canon; and that also betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone, contrary to the 102. Canon. And whether hath your minister in the times prohibited married, any without such licence, notwithstanding the banes haue beene asked, as you doe know, beleeue, or haue heard say.

19 Whether hath your Minister, since the last Canons published, solemnized any marryages betwixt any persons, being vnder the age of 21. yeares, although the Banes be thrise asked, before such time as the parents haue made knowne vnto him their consent thereunto, contrary to the 99 and 100. Canons: and whether hath he married any of another Diocesse, and who are they, and by what authoritie, and when.

20 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundayes at morning prayer, declare vnto the Parishioners what holy dayes and fasting dayes are appointed to be kept the weeke following, according to the 64. Canon, whereby they may be put in minde to prepare themselues accordingly, and to repaire to the Church to publike prayer, as by law they are bound.

21 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes, vse the perambulation of the circuit of the parish vsually by law, and in the same perambulation, cause the people to giue thankes to God for his benefits vsing such Psalmes, Prayers, Homilies, as are thereto appointed.

22 Whether doth any vnpreacher (being neither Minister nor Deacon) reade Common-prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or administer the Sacrament of Baptisme, or solemnize Matrimonie, or take vpon him to practise any other ministeriall action in the Church, that is prescribed to be executed particularly by such, as are either Ministers, or Deacons, and what is his name that so doth.

23 Whether doth your Minister euery sixe moneths denounce in his parish, all such of his parish, as doe persist in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolued and whether hath he admitted any person excommunicate, into the Church, without a Certificate of his absolution from the Ordinarie or other competent Iudge, vnder his seale, according to the Canons.

24 Whether doth your Minister being a Preacher, endeuour and labour diligently with mildnesse and temperance to conferre with, and thereby to reclaime the Popish Recusants in his parish from their errours, if there be any such there being: and whether is he painefull in visitation of the sicke, according to the booke of Common-prayer, and the Canons in that case prouided.

25 Whether

25 Whether is your Parſon, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate ſo much frequent or ouer conuerſant with, or a fauourer of Recuſants, whereby he may be ſuſpected not to be ſincere in Religion.

26 Whether hath your Miniſter, or any other, taking vpon him the place of a Miniſter, preached, baptized children (vnleſſe in caſe of neceſſitie) ſolemnized marriage, churched any woman, or miniſtred the holy Communion in any priuate houſe or houſes: if yea, then where, whome, and how often hath he ſo offended in any of the premiſes.

27 Whether hath your Miniſter taken vpon him to appoint any publike or priuate faſts or propheſies, not appointed and eſtabliſhed by lawe or publike authority: or hath he attempted vpon any pretence either of poſſeſſion, by faſting and prayer to caſt out deuills, contrary vnto the 72. Canon.

28 Whether hath your Miniſter, or any other perſon or perſons within your Parish vſed to meete in any priuate houſe or other place, and to hold priuate conuenticles, contrary to the 73. Canon: if yea, then you ſhall preſent them all and euery one of them.

29 Whether doth your Miniſter vſe ſuch decencie and comelineſſe in his apparrell, as by the 74 conſtitution is enioyned him, as well at home as when he goeth abroad.

30 Whether doe you know in your Parish, any that hauing heretofore taken vpon him or them, the order of Prieſt-hood or of a Deacon, hath ſince relinquished the ſame, and betaken himſelfe to the courſe of his life, a Lay-man, neglecting his vocation: if yea, then you ſhall preſent his name and the place of his abode.

31 Whether is your Miniſter noted or deſamed to haue obtained his Benefice by Symony, or reputed to bee an incontinent perſon, or doth keepe any man or woman in his houſe, that are ſuſpected either to be of euill religion, or bad life, himſelfe to be a common drunkard, or to be a common hunter of Tauernes, Alehouſes, or other ſuſpected places, a common gamester or player at dice, or other vnlawfull games, a common ſwearer, or notorious perſon, or faulty in any other crime puniſhable by Eccleſiaſticall cenſures, whereby he is offenſiue and ſcandalous to his function of miniſtery.

32 Whether doth your Miniſter vſe the forme of thankeſgiuing for women after their childbirth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with childe in adultery or fornication, without licenſe of his Ordinary, and whether haue any married women refuſed to come to Church, according to the booke of Common Prayer, to giue God thankes after childe-birth: if any be faulty herein, you ſhall preſent their names.

33 Whether doth your Miniſter baptize any children in any Baſon, or other veſſells, then in the ordinary Font being placed in the Church, according

to

o the 81. Canon or doth vse to put any bason into it.

34 Whether in the time of diuine Seruice, and of euer part thereof, all due reuerence is vsed: no man then couering his head, all manner of persons kneeling when Prayers are read, and standing vp at the saying of the Beliefe, according to the order prescribed.

Articles concerning Schoolemasters.

VVhether the Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your Parish, openly or priuately, in any Noble or Gentlemans house, or in any other place, be of good and sincere Religion, life and conuersation, & be diligent in the teaching and bringing vp of youth: and whether they haue bene examined, allowed and licensed for Schoole-masters, by the Ordinarie in that behalfe: and how many seuerall Schoole-masters haue you, and what be their names.

2 Whether your Schoole-master, or Schoole-masters doe themselues receiue the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe: and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacitie, by instruction, to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the Communion either in your Church, or where their Parents dwell, once euery yeere, and be diligent to heare Common Prayer.

3 Whether the Schole master, or Schole masters, either priuate or publike, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authorized by publike authoritie, at the least once euery weeke, and doe instruct & examine them in the same, or doe teach any other Catechisme, and what Catechisme it is that they doe teach.

4 Whether your Schole master, or Schole masters, or any of them be knowne or suspected to reade vnto their Schollers priuately, any vnlawfull Bookes, or priuately to instruct them in their young yeeres, either in Popery, superstition, disobedience, or contempt of his Maiestie, and his Lawes Ecclesiasticall by publike authoritie allowed.

5 What recusant Papists are there in your Parish, and whether doe they, or any of them keepe any Schole master in their house, which commeth not to Church to heare Diuine Seruice, and receiue the Communion: what is his name, and how long hath he taught.

6 Whether the Schoole master, or Schoole masters within your Parish, doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammer, then that which is called the Kings Grammer, set forth by the authoritie of King Henry the eight, teaching the prescript forme thereof, whereby the Schollers may perfectly vnderstand their Grammer rules and constructions.

Articles concerning Parishioners, Ecclesiasticall Officers and others of the Laytie.

1 WHether is there any within your Parish, that hath, or doth impugne the Kings Maiesties supremacie and authoritie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or doe any way, or in any part impeach the same, being restored to the Crowne by the lawes of this Realme established on that behalfe.

2 Whether is there any in your parish that denieth the Church of England by law established vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie to be a true & Apostolicall Church, teaching & maintaining the doctrine of the Apostles.

3 Whether is there any in your Parish, that doth impugne any of the Articles of Religion agreed vpon in An. 1562. & established in the Church of England.

4 Whether is there any in your Parish that doe impugne or speake against the rites and ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them: you shall present their names.

5 Whether are there any in your Parish that doe impugne the gouernment of the Church of England, vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, and the rest that beare office in the same, affirming that he same is Antichristian, or repugnant to the word of God.

6 Whether is there any in your parish that impugne the forme of consecration and ordayning of Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, or Deacons, affirming that the same is repugnant to the word of God, or, that they, who are so ordered in the same forme, are not lawfully made.

7 Whether is there any in your parish that doth hold or frequent any conventicles, or priuate meetings, and there doe conferre or agree vpon any priuate orders, other then such as are by the Canons set forth by publike authority, to be vsed there: or any other new Church gouernment obserued.

8 Whether any persons haue lurked in tipling Tauerns or Ale-houses on Sundayes, or other Holy dayes, or vsed his, or their manuall craft, trade, or mysterie, or any bodylie labour, or kept their shops open vpon the same dayes, or any of them, especially in the time of diuine seruice?

9 Whether are there any in your parish that doe, or haue prophaned since the Parliaments last generall pardon) the Lords day, called Sunday, or other Holy day, contrary to the orders of the Church of England, prescribed in that behalfe?

10 Whether hath any person in your parish quarrelled, stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other in the Church or Church yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church, by filthie and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour?

11 Whether is that due reuerence and humble submission, vsed within your Church or Chappel in the time of diuine Seruice, as by the eighteenth Constitution is prescribed: and whether each one in the Church or Chappell, doe apply and order himselfe there in the time of diuine Seruice, as by the latter part of the same Constitution is most commendably enioyned?

12 Whether the Church-wardens and Quest-men doe euery Sunday and Holy-day diligently search who absenteth himselfe, or her selfe from Church: and whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Church porch, or Church-yard, in the time of Common prayer or Sermon?

13 Whether the Church-wardens doe prouide against euery Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good & wholsome wine, for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, & that to be brought in a cleane and sweete standing pot of Pewter, or other pure mettall?

14 Whether haue any in your parish beene God-fathers or God-mothers to their owne children? Or whether your Minister, or any God-fathers or God-mothers haue vsed, or doe vse any other forme, then here, or speech in Baptisme, then is in the Booke of Common prayer appointed? Or whether any which haue not Communicated, be admitted to be God-fathers, or God-mothers, contrarie to the 29. Canon?

15 Whether is there any in your parish that doe refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselues to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher? you shall present their names. And if your Minister, vpon the publishing of the late Booke of Canons, haue receiued any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, or baptized any of their children, you shall likewise present him.

16 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Maisters, and Mistresses, cause their Children, Seruants, and Apprentises, to come to the Catechisme vpon the Sundayes and Holy dayes before euening prayer, to heare and to be instructed and taught therein? and those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names.

17 Whether haue you, or your Predecessors Church-wardens there suffered, since the last pardon, any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church-ales, Drinkings, or any other prophane playes to be kept in your Church, Chappels, or Church-yard, or Bels to be rung superstitiously vpon Holy-dayes or Eues, abrogated by the Booke of Common Prayer, contrarie to the 68. Canon?

18 How many Inhabitants within your Parish, Men, or Women, aboue the age of fiftéene yéeres, doe refuse to frequent diuine seruice, established by publike authoritie of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Commu-

nion, or are negligent therein: what be their names, and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they: you are to present them all of each sort.

19 Whether doe any of the Inhabitants within your saide Parish entertaine within their house any soiourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent diuine Seruice, or receiue the holy Communion, as aforesaid: what be their names, and of what qualitie or condition are they?

20 Whether any of the said Popish Recusants be of insolent behauiour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly buste themselues in seducing, or withdrawing others, either abroad or in their owne families, by instructing their children in Popish religio, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest seruice or trust, but such as concur with them in opinion of religion: and what be their names that so doe?

21 How long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from diuine Seruice, or from the Communion, as is afore sayd, whether of any long time, or onely since his Maiesties raigne, and how long?

22 What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacie or crime, doe remaine excommunicated? what be their names? and for what cause? and how long haue they so stood excommunicated?

23 Whether were you the Church wardens and Quest-men chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners, in Easter weeke, according vnto the 89. and 90. Canon. And whether haue the Church-wardens before you giuen vp a iust account for their time, and deliuered to you their successors, whatsoeuer money or other thing of right belonging to the Church, which was in their hands: according to the 89. Canon.

24 Whether doe all persons aboue the age of fiftéene yeeres, vsually resort to heare diuine Seruice vpon Sundaies and Holy-daies appointed? and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of fiftéene yéeres, as aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yéere, chiefely once at Easter, in your Parish Church kneeling? If no, then you shall present their name which haue not so done.

25 Whether haue you a fit Parish Clarke, aged twentie yéeres at the least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing? and whether he be paide his wages without fraude, according to the most ancient custome of your Parish? if not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denyed? and whether he be chosen by the Parson or Vicar, or by whom, according to the 91. Canon?

26 Whether haue any in your Parish béene marryed within the prohibited degrées forbidden by the law, and expressed in a certaine Table published

lished by authority in Anno. 1563. If yea, then you shall present their names? and whether haue you the saide Table publikely set vp in your Church, and fastned to some conuenient place?

27 Whether doth any heretofore diuorced, or married and not diuorced, kepe company at bed and bord as man and wife, with any other man or woman, then with the person that he or she was married vnto? and what be their names? If the parties now so liuing together, say that they be married, when and where were they married? and how long haue they so continued together?

28 Whether haue you in your Parish to your knowledge, or by common fame and report, any which haue committed Adultery, Fornication, or Incest, or any Bawdes, harborers, or receiuers of such persons, or publikely suspected thereof, which haue not beene publikely punished to your knowledge? if yea, then with whome? And whether are there any which are by common fame and report reputed and taken to be common Drunkards, Blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discord among their Neighbours, or speakers against Ministers marriages: Vsurers, contrarie to the Statute made in the seauen and thirtieth yere of King Henry the eight, Symoniacall persons, fighters, brawlers, or quarrellers in Church or Church-yard? you shall not faile to present their names.

29 Whether haue any in your Parish receiued or harboured any woman gotten with childe out of wedlock, and suffered them againe to depart without pennance first inflicted vpon them by their Ordinarie? you shall truly present as well the partie harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to haue committed incontinencie with her.

30 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinencie, and therefore departing out of your Parish for a season, is now returned againe? or in what place else is he or she now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard? you shall not faile to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

31 Whether there be any person or persons Ecclesiasticall or Temporall within your Parish, or elsewhere within the Dioces, that haue retayned and kept in their custodie, or that reade, sell, vtter, disperse, carrie, or deliuer to others any English or Latine Bookes, or Libels, set forth or printed, either on this side or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries against the Kings Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, Errour, or Heresie, against true Religion, and Catholike doctrine, now publikely professed in this Church, or the gouernment or discipline of the Church of England, now within this

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Realme received and established by common authoritie, that you know or haue heard of, what their names and sir names are?

32 Whether there be any in your Parish who are knowne or suspected to conceale, or kéepe hidden in their houses any Masse Bookes, Portesses, Breuiaries, or other Bookes of Popery or superstition: or any Challices, Copes, Vestments, Albes, or other ornaments of superstition, vncancelled, or vndefaced, which is to be coniectured that they doe kéepe for a day, as they call it.

33 Whether any of your Parishioners, hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselues from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers.

34 Whether there be any Inne-kéepers, Alewiues, Victuallers, or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person, or persons in their houses, to eate, drinke, or play at Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowles, or such like games, in the time of Common prayer or Sermon, on Sundaies or Holydaies: Or any Butchers, or other, that commonly vse to sell meate or other things in the time of Common prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies: and whether in any Fayres, or common Markets, falling vpon Sundaies, there be shewing of any wares before morning prayer be done? And whether any Markets or selling of wares be vsed, or suffered in any Church-yards on the Sabbath day by common pack men and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers?

35 Whether hath your Minister, or any of the parish, without the consent or priuitie of the Ordinarie, caused any to doe penance, or to be punished either openly or otherwise, by any Vestrie meetings, or taken money for any crime punishable by the Ecclesiasticall lawes onely, and what be the names of the parties that haue béene so punished, and in what manner?

36 Whether there be any in your parish who will come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to the publike prayer, appointed by the Booke of common prayer, making a schisme or diuision (as it were) betwéene the vse of publike prayer and preaching? and whether there be any who being present at publike prayer, doe not deuoutly and humbly knéele vpon their knées, at such times as by the Booke of common prayer they are appointed: to wit, when they make a generall confession of their sinnes: when all Prayers and Collects are read: in the time of the Letanie: when the ten Commandements are read: & at the receiuing of the holy Communion, &c. And what be their names that haue at any time shewed themselues vndutifull and vnreuerent in that behalfe?

37 Whether there be any married women, or others within your parish,

rish, which after childe-birth refuse, contemne, or neglect, to come to the Church to giue God thanks for their safe deliuerie, & to haue the prayers publikely appointed in that behalfe by the Booke of common prayer?

38 Whether any within your parish doe resort into Barnes, Fields, Woods, priuate houses, to any extraordinary exposition of Scriptures, or conferences together, or that be drawers or perswaders of others to any such schismaticall conuenticle.

39 Whether any doe keepe their children vnbaptized longer then is conuenient, vnlesse that it be for the sickenesse of the childe, or other vrgent occasion? And whether any doe carry their childe or children from the parish they are borne in, to other parishes to be baptized, and so refuse their owne parish, and to what other parish? or doe bring strange Ministers into their own houses to baptize their children priuately, according to their owne fantasies?

40 Item, (Setting downe the full summe of the Communicants within your Parish) you shall present euery one who hath bene defectiue at this feast of Easter last past, in receiuing the holy Communion vpon neglect, contempt, or any other pretence and excuse.

41 Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance worthy the presentment, in your iudgement, heretofore in these Articles not expressed, and which is fit to be reformed in Ecclesiasticall censure? If you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your oathes.

42 Whether hath your Minister kept any Excommunication in his custodie vnpublished against any of his Parishioners, aboue the space of 15. dayes next after the receit thereof, without some lawfull certificat of the absolution of any such excommunicate person, or of some lawfull warrant for the stay of the same Excommunication.

43 Whether hath your Minister admitted any excommunicate person to the holy Communion before he hath receiued a certificat of the absolution of the same parties? And whether haue you permitted any excommunicate person either of your owne parish or of any other parish, to heare diuine Seruice in your parish Church, since the time you were vpon you the oathes of Church-wardens within your said parish? If yea, set downe the names of the same parties.

44 Whether hath your Minister absolued any excommunicate person or persons of your parish, or of any other parish within the Archdeaconry of Essex, within the space of a yeare last past, without a speciall warrant in writing vnder the hands of the Iudge and Register of this Court, or of one of them? If yea, what are the names of such person or persons which he hath so absolued.

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45 Whether hath your Minister, your selues, or your predecessors Church-wardens of your parish for the yeare last past, presented any person or persons of your said parish to the Chancellor of the reuerend Father in God, the Lord Bishop of London (hauing in the Visitation of the sayd Lord Bishop,) And whether hath your Minister, your selues, or your predecessors Church-wardens of your said parish, for the yeer last past, presented any person or persons to the Commissarie of the said reuerend Father in God? If yea, what are the names of such person or persons which you or they haue so presented, and for what cause did you or they present any such person or persons.

Articles to be inquired of, by the Minister, Church-wardens, & Sworne-men of euery Parish within the Archdeaconrie of *Midlesex*, according to the speciall direction of certaine letters heretofore sent to the Lord Bishop of *London*, from the right Honourable the Lords of the Priuie Counsell.

IN primis, Whether there be any in your Parish, either Parishioners, Soiourners, or such as be late come out of other Countries into your Parish, which do refuse to come to diuine Seruice to the Parish Church, or elsewhere: and what be their names, and sir-names, and how long they haue refused so to doe.

2 Item, How many of their wiues and children aboue the age of fiftéene yéres, seruants and other soiourners, abiding in their houses, doe likewise refuse so to doe: and what be their names and sir-names, and how long they haue refused so to doe?

3 Item, Whether there be any in your Parish, which be suspected to haue béene reconciled to the Popish Religion, or to haue béene absolued, or any that procured or counselled any thereunto: and what be their names and sir-names.

4 Item, Whether there be any in your Parish which be suspected to be Malling Priests, Reconcilers, Iesuits, Seminaries, or other persons, which haue receiued any orders or authoritie from the Romish Church, to vse the like: and what be their names and sir-names.

5 Item, Whether there be any Schole-masters within your Parish, which doe not bring vp their youth in the Religion now professed, or be not themselues diligent in repayring to diuine Seruice, or bringing their Scholers to it?

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IN euery Parish where any manner of person dwelleth or soiourneth, which refuseth to goe to some Church to heare diuine Seruice: the Minister and Church-wardens of that Parish are commanded euery Moneth from henceforth, to goe to euery such person with two or three honest witnesses, and before those witnesses, to require euery such person to repayre to the Church to heare Diuine Seruice. And the saide Minister and Church-wardens are commanded to send a Certificat in writing signed with the hands, marks, and seales of the sayde Minister, Church-wardens, and witnesses, to their Archdeacon, alwaies on the tenth day before Midsummer day: on the tenth day before Michaelmas day: on the tenth day before Christmas day: and on the tenth day before our Lady day in Lent. So as returne of such certificat may be made in time to the Custos rotulorum at euery Sessions next ensuing those Feasts, testifying as well the manner and time of their admonishments of such Recusants whatsoeuer they be, as their answers. And when and whither they went to Church euery Moneth, after such admonition giuen to them, as aforesaid. Or whether any such person hath wilfully withdrawn himselfe from taking or vnderstanding such admonition: and also declaring the names, surnames, and abiding places of euery one that shall offend in any part or clause of the aboue written Articles. This euery Minister and Church-warden is straitlie charged to shew his diligence in, and effectually to doe, as they and euery of them shall and will answere to the contrarie, at their perils.

You shall bring your Presentment into the Registrie of the Archdeaconrie of *Middlesex*, ten dayes before euery quarter, specifying the proper & surname, title, and addition of euery person presented, and how many moneths they haue refused to come to diuine Seruice to their Parish Church, or elsewhere, before the day of making your Presentment. And at the deliuerie of your said Presentment you shal likewise set downe, in the latter end thereof, the names of such as haue beene buryed within your sayde Parish for the space of a quarter of a yeere last past before the date of your said Bill, being Men, Maides, or Widdowes.

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